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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Communications
Director of Information Technology

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SUBJECT: DESIST

1. I would like to expand upon what I said at the staff meeting on 26 August about DESIST. OIT is responsible for this activity within the DA, of course, with the close assistance of OC. Because I was personally involved in the conversations at the time, we committed only to place a DESIST terminal [redacted] It was recognized up front that this was probably going to be a costly test of our capabilities and had unique security problems.

2. We knew at the time that elements within the DI, which are now part of the Counterterrorism Center, aspired to place DESIST terminals [redacted] But, insofar as I am aware, we have never agreed in OIT, OC or at the DDA level to accept the requirement to place DESIST [redacted] until FY 88.

3. I would note a couple of other things. I personally talked with the [redacted] to make sure that special security arrangements were made [redacted] for the protection of the DESIST terminal. [redacted]

4. Thus, although I recognize the high priority of the Counterterrorism Center, there are rules that need to be established, procedures that need to be agreed to before the DA, or any element in it, moves further [redacted] I think there should be some pretty frank conversations about who pays for what! I think any final agreement with regard to this topic should be agreed to at the Deputy Director level so that we don't have a flap on our hands due to an oversight or mistake in the communications arena.

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